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SUBJ: MSG FUNDS

REF: PANAMA 3702; KINGSTON 2139

1. M/SGT WIENER REPORT OF 18 NOV 72 WAS FORWARDED TO COMMANDANT OF MC VIA CO "D". PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN ON BASIS THIS REPORT.

2. FEB 1972-1973 MESS FUND ACCOUNT LISTS A TOTAL OF 9 TRANS-ACTIONS RELATED TO TELEPHONE COMPANY, I.E. DEPOSITS, CPL. MURPHY, PHONE BILL \$160.00 MAR 72, SGT. HAHN PHONE BILL \$30 JAN 73. OTHER 7 ITEMS INDICATE PAYMENT TO PHONE COMPANY. AT THIS LATE DATE IT IS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE TO RECONSTRUCT PHONE CHARGES AS PHONE COMPANY DOES NOT MAINTAIN ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS AFTER 3 MONTHS. NCOIC AND MESS FUND CUSTODIAN SPENT A DAY WORKING WITH PHONE COMPANY ON THIS MATTER. IT APPEARS USELESS TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER WITH COMPANY. WIENER LETTER TO PHONE COMPANY IN NOV 1972 DISAVOWED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY BUT GUARANTEED PAYMENT ON A MONTHLY BASIS. PHONE BILL IN NAME OF "US EMBASSY - MSG". PROMPT ACTION APPROPRIATELY COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY IN NOV 1972 WAS APPARENTLY NOT THOUGHT TO BE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. WAS THE PREVIOUS ADMIN OFFICER NOTIFIED OF THIS PROBLEM?

3. IT IS PATENTLY UNFAIR AND POSSIBLY ILLEGAL TO CONTINUE TO  
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REQUIRE ON BOARD MSG'S TO PAY THIS BILL FROM THEIR FUNDS, NO

MATTER SALARY OR COLA, SINCE NONE OF THEM WERE IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEBT. THEREFORE THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PAY CURRENT BILL ONLY HOLDING BALANCE OVERDUE FOR LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE IN EARLY-MID 72 OF J\$676.32 IN ABEYANCE. AS A MINIMUM KINGSTON WILL REQUIRE LEGAL OPINION ON THE MATTER OF CHARGING ON BOARD MSG'S FOR PAYMENT OF THIS BILL PRIOR TO REINSTITUTING THIS "OPTION". IT APPEARS MSG'S HAVE A LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT UNDER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS.

4. RMO ON HIS NEXT INSPECTION MAY WISH TO EXAMINE SUCH RECORDS AS ARE AVAILABLE IN A POSITIVE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES MSGT WIENER'S ACTION IN PAYING CARTERS ELECTROPLATING BILL.

6. EDWIN CHARLEY LTD. BILL IS FOR 1 CASE J.W. BLACK LABEL WHICH WAS APPARENTLY ORDERED BY PHONE AND DELIVERED BY EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR TO MSG HOUSE. RECORDS ON THIS, AS ON OTHER LIQUOR PURCHASES, ARE INCOMPLETE AND MSG'S HAVE AGREED TO PAY BILL THOUGH THEY HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OR RECORD OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE WHISKEY. MSGT WIENER APPARENTLY HAD NO PERSONAL ACCOUNT WITH EDWIN CHARLEY LTD. DE ROULET

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